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In re the application of:
DANIELE et al.

Serial Number: 09/826,971

Filed: April 4, 2001

For: **SYSTEM FOR OBTAINING CREDITS FOR PLAYING GAMES AND
AWARDING AND REDEEMING COUPONS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND IN THE ALTERNATIVE,
PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.17(h)**

Dear Sir:

In the above application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Drawings:

Please add the attached three sheets of drawings which include Figs. 1-4, which are circled in red.

REMARKS

The Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application received by Applicant indicated that the application was deposited without drawings. Applicant disagrees. However, for the

sake of expediency, there is no apparent need to petition. On page 2 of the present application in the cross reference section, the provisional application filed April 4, 2000 and assigned serial number 60/194,567 was incorporated by reference. That provisional application included informals of the same figures that were filed in the subject application. Accordingly, this preliminary amendment should be approved. Two sheets of formal drawings replacing these informal drawings are also enclosed herewith.

In the alternative, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR Section 1.17(h) and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the deposit account number 03-2030 the petition fee of \$130.00. Applicant submitted the nonprovisional application on April 4, 2001 with drawings. Enclosed is a copy of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal as filed in the subject application. It indicates at item 4, drawings, that two sheets are enclosed. Also enclosed herewith is a copy of the Certificate of Express Mail, which expressly lists the two sheets of drawings. In addition, it is the practice in this office to enclose drawings with the filing. The cover sheet of the application indicates that there are two sheets of drawings and the application itself indicates and refers to Figures 1 through 4. The postcard receipt as stamped by the Patent Office, a copy of which is enclosed, indicates that the Utility Patent Application was attached. The words "Utility Patent Application" includes drawings as used in this office.

If this petition is necessary, even though Applicant properly submitted drawings with the application, and even though the provisional application was incorporated by reference and included the drawings, the petition fee should be refunded and a refund of the \$130.00 petition fee is hereby requested.

If there are any issues remaining which can be resolved by an Examiner's amendment

or supplemental response, it is respectfully requested that the Patent Office please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

Drawings (three sheets) marked in red
Formal Drawings (As submitted with this application)
Copy of Stamped Postcard Receipt
Copy of Express Mail Certificate
Copy of Transmittal

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FIG. 1

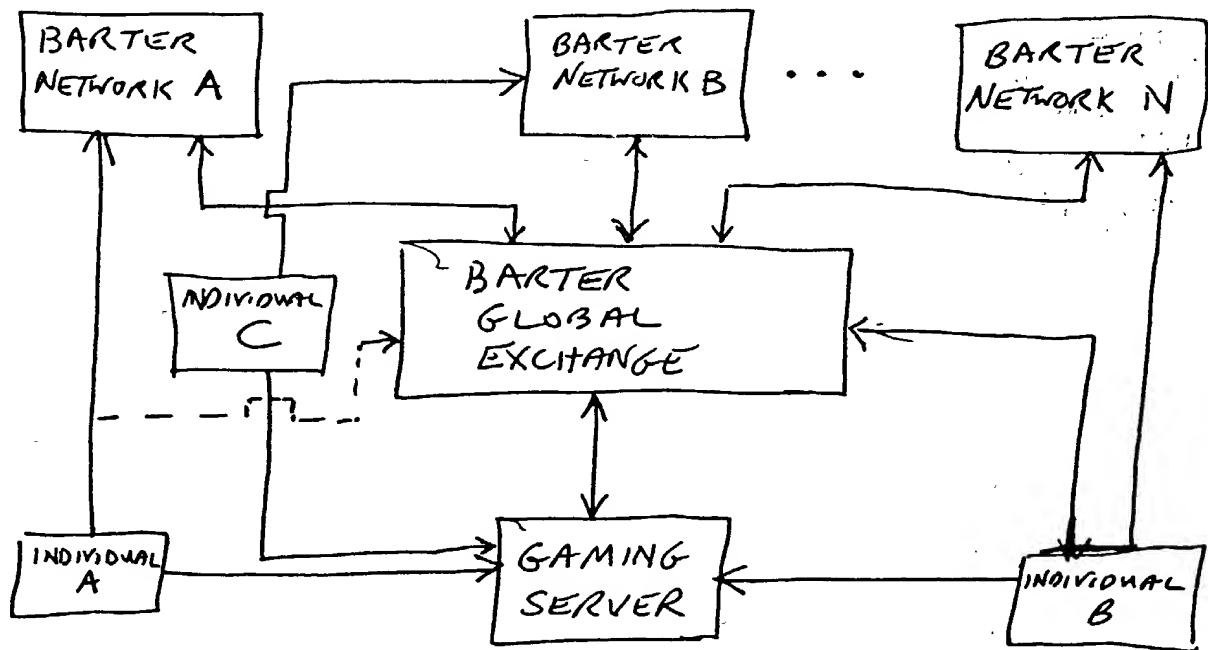


FIG. 2

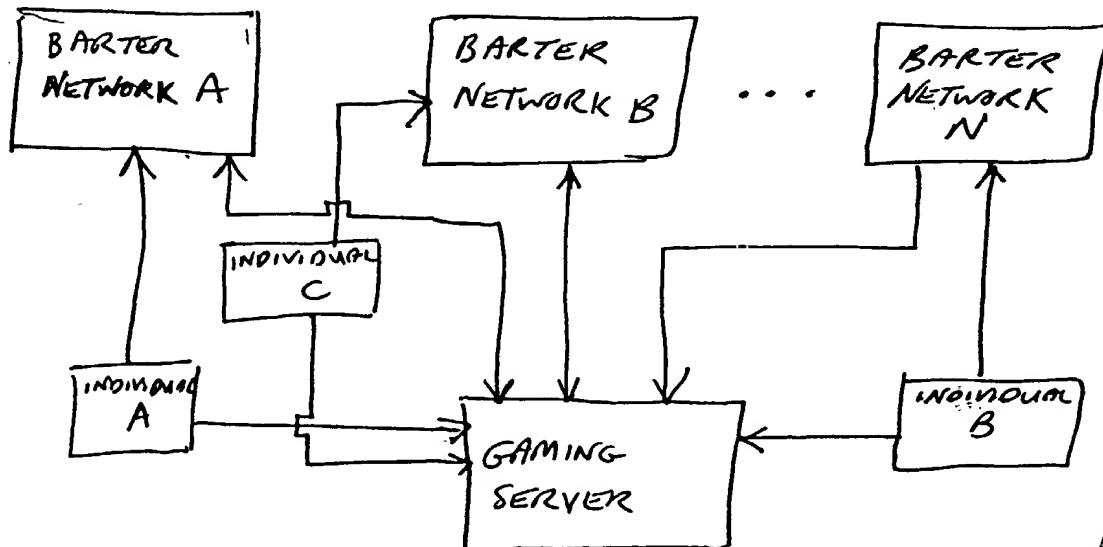


FIG. 3

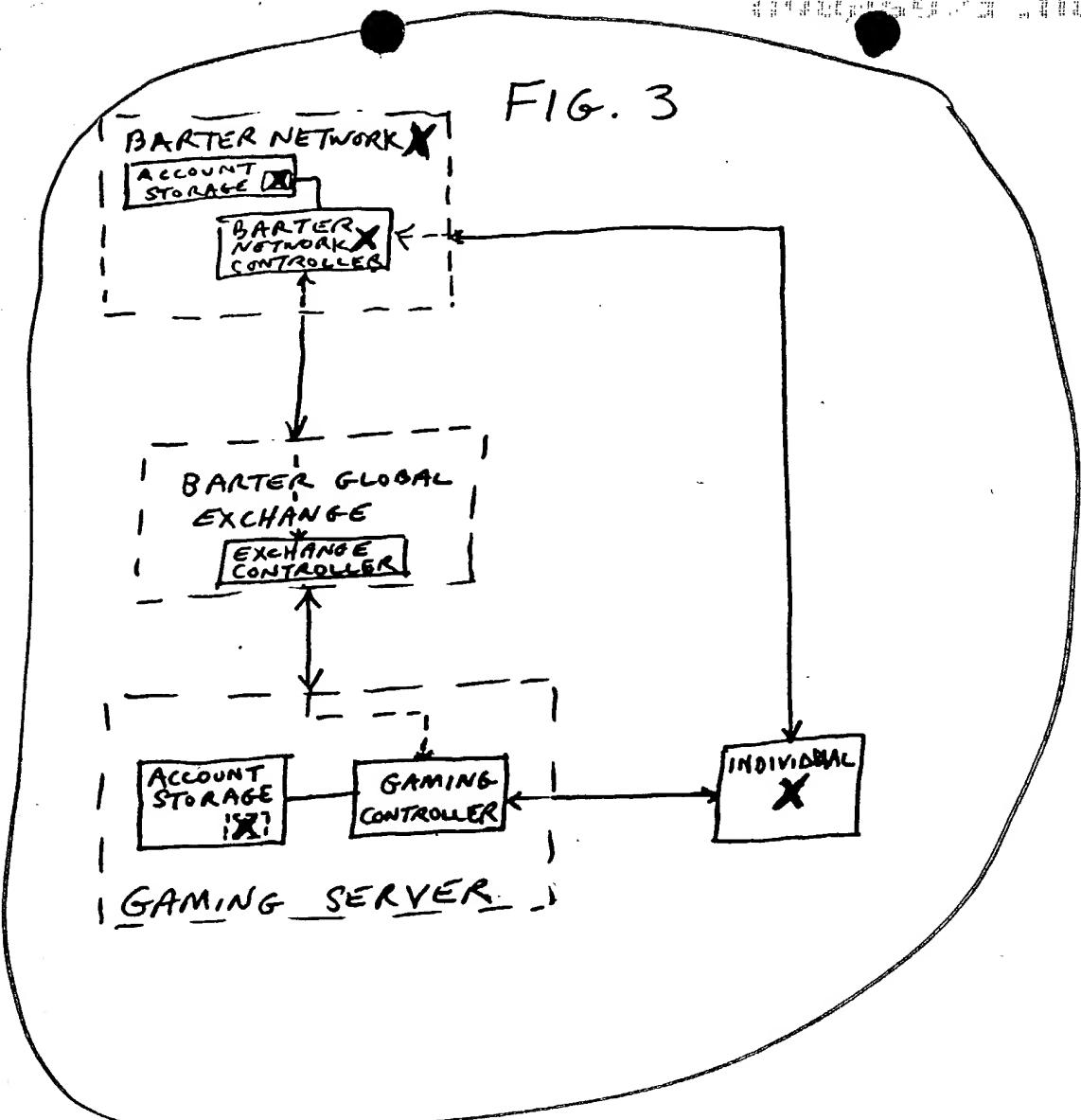


FIG. 4

